## A JOLLY CHRISTMAS.

TO-MORROW THE DAY FOR FUR AND NOISE AND ALL THAT

The Day We Celebrate -- Ancient and Modern Observances of the Day in in Richmond.

"The good old Christmas" is the Christmas of youth. It exists as much to-day as it did 50 or 100 or 500 years ago. But it is a plant that flourishes best in a soil of tender years; of a time of life when hope and fancy run high; and when all is new and dazzling and when the truth of the nursery story and fairy tale are barely questioned. If anything, age has bettered it, for the children of the past knew nothing of the delights that belong to this juvenile generation. True, they had their joys, but great as they were, they would be voted "slow" in 1887.

YE OLDEN TIME.

Our fathers and grandfathers were nearly all country-born, and the pictures printed upon their memories are of family gatherings under old moss-covered roofs. of forests sparkling with ice-coats, of fields covered with snow and plentifully marked with "old-hare" tracks, of negro cabins whence issued the sound of merry song and dance; of the brimming egg-nog bowl, and of festivities that lasted long into the night by big, open fireplaces, where the logs crackled and where in the glowing coals and curling smoke the young people read the future.

Santa Claus came around in those flays, as in these, but then his pack was light, his store was scant. Some candy, a few "poperackers," a pocket-knife, a book that was grand if it had a few illustrations in it-these were the articles he dealt in, and with which he so won our hearts that never will they agree that the Christmases of these times are to be compared with those. For them they are not.

TIME'S FLIGHT.

But it is the people-not the Christmases-that have changed. The home circle may be broken; life is not all that youth painted; disappointments have come; health may be gone, and possibly the mind dwells with more satisfaction in the past than in looking to the future

There is infinite pathos in every old person's Christmas recollections, and the merriest childish prattle will often unseal a fountain of tears. But it is a season when almost every good resolve can find ready accomplishment. If your own youth was hard and your Christmases cheerless, see to it that you snatch some forlorn child from a like fate. If your own youth was crowned with a mother's love. father's care and protection, if wealth abounded at your board, see to it that, in gratitude for these blessings, you carry comfort and consolation to some poor

There are hundreds of poor here. There are white and black that are in give may easily find worthy ones upon whom to bestow their bounty.

red " to-morrow It would be a dreadful thing if the young men yielding to the temptation were to consider themselves entitled to riot through the town as they did

for one day. As for the firecrackerswhy, the firemen must be on the alert.

TUESDAY'S "DISPATCH." As a general thing business will be suspended to-morrow, but the Dispatch men in their character of prompt and veracions chroniclers of current events will be on duty as usual gathering up the news-recording the Christmas occurrences. With them it is "duty be-tore plensure"; but while they will not be able to cat with those who cat, and drink with those who drink, and blow with those who blow their horns, they will be speedily on hand in case of explosions, house burnings, and disturbances of the peace—all of which, if not bound to happen, are likely to occur in a city of the population of Richmond.

And the account thereof will be found in Tuesday morning's paper.

LAST NIGHT.

At one time last night there was a light fall of snow, but as some rain followed the ground was soon washed almost clear of its white covering. A genuine snow and cold weather is all that seems need-ful to make this Christmas complete in all of its appointments.

Last night Broad and Main streetsespecially the former—were crowded with shoppers, and nearly all the stores were packed with customers. With here and there an exception, merchants say they have had a fine holiday trade. A great deal of money has been spent and many of the presents were costly.

The streets were quite noisy with fire-creekers last night and the holiday with fire-

crackers last night and tin horns were also heard. There appeared to be about average number of horn-blowers, while the sounds with which they filled the air were of an extra hideous hideous-

It was observable also that there were quite a number of hilarious men on the streets; but there were no great excesses to report.

As a general thing the children hung up their stockings last night, and it was rumored that Santa Claus would be in town about 4 o'clock this morning. If so, and he brings his usual supply, it may bappen that in time lost looking over their presents some of the children will be late at Sunday school this morning. Christmas, as a public holiday, is adjourned from to-day until to-morrow; but there was no provision in the act about Santa Chans's visit, and if he fails to appear 30,000 Richmond children will

wish to know the reason why.

From the work on hand at the express offices and at the post-office yesterday and last night it is obvious that the emplovees of those establishments are not having much fun, unless they get it in the knowledge that they are pleasure—i. c., presents—to the homes of many other people. The number of packages received here and sent from here have been unprecedented. carrying

CHRISTMAS DINNER POR THE POOR AT OLD-

The ladies who have the matter of this articles as may be sent to them.

As they wish to set the first table by 1230 o'clock ou Wednesday, they are specially desirous that all those who have contributions to send in aid of this enterprise shall get them there within the hours named above.

All contributions of clothing catables As they wish to set the first table by

ours named above.
All contributions of clothing, eatables, confectioneries, toys, &c., &c., will be

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE CONVICTS. The convicts at the penitentiary will be given a Christmas dinner to-day. The menu will embrace shoat-pie, cake, Albemarie pippins, and other nice things to release the relate. The menu will embrace shoat-pie, cake, Albemarie pippins, and other nice things to please the palate.

THE PRISONERS TRIMEMBRED.

Messrs. After & Ginter sent to the Board of Trustees of the Cornel city jail yesterday about 100 pounds of smoking-tobacco of various brands as a Christmas present to the prisoners.

Bergeant Smith will give the inmates a good dinner, with something in the smoking in the smoking

way of an appetiner to start on. After that they will be in a proper frame of mind to enjoy a good smoke and thank Messrs. Allen & Ginter for their thoughtfulness and kindness

Mr. A. C. Stevenson, cashier of the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, was made the happy recipient yes-terday morning of a silver-headed cane, the gift of ten of the oldest messenger

ley made all the employees in his tan-nery substantial Christmas presents. presented him with a handsome The distribution of prizes at Allen & Ginter's factory was a very interesting sight. All the employees were given something to take home with which to add to the joys of Christmas. The man-

agers in the various departments were the recipients of gold-headed canes, gold pins, &c., as testimonials from the young ladies under their care and direction. This is the usual custom with the noble-hearted proprietors of this great industrial establishment.
Yesterday at noon Superintendent C.

E. Bolling of the Water-Works was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by the employees of the city water-works. Mr. C. Emmett Hill, foreman of the tapping force, made the presenta-

Mr. James C. Bowman, manager of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, was the recipient Friday night of a handsome Knight Templar jewel, presented to him by the employees of the establishment as a mark of their esteem for his uniform kindness, Last evening Mr. Bowman reciprocated the kind rememrance by presenting to each of his fourteen employees a tasteful and appropriate

The employees of the New York and Southern Telegraph Company presented the popular general superintendent, Major Joseph W. Kates, of that company with a beautiful gold-headed cane yesterday as a token of their esteem. Mr. J.

## A Few Little News Items for To-Day's Reading.

Mr. P. H. Gary, of Henderson, N. C., is here to spend the Christmas. The Hustings Court adjourned yesterday for the term.

Dale Lodge, Knights of Honor, will

the next year. The usual services, with specially good

Manchester Lodge, No. 14, of Masons met last night and conferred degrees on a number of candidates. This lodge inticipates a good time Tuesday night-St. John's.

There are white and clack that a e in last night in dead earnest. The tooting sore want, and all who have the heart to give more easily find worthy ones upon of horns and firing of crackers made the wu resound with holiday melodies. Rev. A. A. Little, of Gordonsville,

> Donations for the poor of the congregation were received at the vestry-room of the Meade-Memorial church yesterday. The contributions were numerous and the homes of many needy families. and the homes of many needy families | the ensuing term: H. Olivia Vincent,

mon suited to the occasion, and special music will be rendered.

A half-dezen small negro boys were arrested yesterday morning charged with stealing iron from the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company. The boys were evidently after Christmas money. None of them seemed to be

over ten years of age.

Next Tuesday night there will be magic-lantern exhibition at the West-Fud Methodist church and the scholars of the Sunday school will be given Christmas presents. Wednesday night there will be a social gathering of the congregation.

The force of street-finds have been engaged during the past week grading and filling upper McDonough street. This was a much-needed improvement, and when finished will greatly add to travel over this thoroughfare.

The Danville shops yesterday suspended operations, to be resumed on Tuesday January 3d. The men in some of

day, January 3d. The men in some of the departments will, however, return to work day after to-morrow.

Henrico County Notes.

The Henrico County Court was in session for a short while yesterday, but no ousiness of importance was disposed of. Judge Bedd, of Hanover, was present to hear the Hanover-street case, but adjourned it over to the next term of the

Thursday.

Attorney-General Ayers yesterday directed Clerk Waddill, of the County Court, to make him a copy of the record in the case of Mr. Siggins, the young tender of coupons and who has been granted a writ of habeas corpus. The object of Mr. Ayers is to be ready to take an appeal should Judge Bond decide State.

Justice Vincent had the following cases before him at the county court-house mond,

Charles Vassaire, previously sentenced to jail for fifteen days for larceny. Rehearing granted.

Jessie Christian (colored), petit larccny. Continued until next Saturday. The cases of several persons charged with trespass by cattle were continued mitil Wednesday.

opposite the Old pump-house on Tuesday last the forebay to the water-works was filled with mud and debris, and the pumps and all machinery had to be pped. Superintendent Bolling at put a force of hands to work, and he had so far succeeded in clearing the forebay yesterday afternoon that four pumps could be started in addition to those set in motion on Thursday and run by the turbine wheel. Mr. Bolling said he thought nothing further would be done in the direction of clearing the debris until the foundation or lower part of the wall is ready for the stone-masons to go to work. This because what mud and dinner in hand with it stated that they to work. This because what mud and will be at the Old-Market Hall on Tuesfrom 10 to 3 o'clock and on Wednes-from 9 to 11 o'clock to receive such road company having made its temporary track secure yesterday put its force

Death of Mr. Charles W. Burr's

Father. Mr. Charles W. Burr, a well-known

ELECTED TO OFFICE. A NUMBER OF LODGES "RAISE" THEIR

New-Year's Gifts in the Form of Honors Bestowed by Civic Organisations.

BRETHREN.

At a meeting of Virginia Lodge, No. On Friday afternoon Mr. B. D. Chalk-568, Knights of Honor, held at Concordia Hall, the following officers Yesterday morning about twenty-five of the operatives called on him in his office dictator; D. Witte, dictator; E. Boshme, vice-dictator; Charles J. Schmitt, assistant dictator; William Schmitt, assistant dictator; William Zwanziyer, reporter; I. Lovenstein, financial reporter; S. Binswanger, treasurer; H. G. Miller, chaplain; H. C. Schmidt, guide; Peter Dietz, inside guardian; Philip Bear, outside gnardian. Trustees—H. G. Miller, Christian Unkel, and J. W. Gilliame. Bpresentative to Grand Lodge, A. H. Kaufman; Alter-nate, M. J. Rosendorfe.

MUTUAL LODGE At a regular meeting of Mutual Lodge, No. 2191, Knights of Honor, the follow-ing officers were elected for the ensuing year : M. Harrison, past dictator ; Samuel Muire, dictator; Z. G. Lamkin, vice-dictator; George E. Taylor, assistant dictator; Charles A. West, treasurer; C. M. Branch, ifhancial reporter (tenth term); O. F. Wise, reporter; W. C. Camp, chaplain; J. D. Redwood, guide; T. R. Williams, gnardian; L. C. Figg. T. B. Williams, guardian; L. C. Figg, sentinel (tenth term). Trustees—J. H. Redwood, W. C. Camp, and L. C. Figg. Representative to Grand Lodge, J. H. Redwood: Alternate, M. Harrison.

Honor, at their receting on Friday night elected the following officers: I. S. Tower, dictator; Lewis D. Crenshaw, Jr., vice-dictator; B. M. Quarles, assistant dictator ; John C. Pettus, lain; S. B. Jacobs, reporter; M. W. Ford, financial reporter; Edward Gray, day as a token of their esteem. Mr. J.
R. Parker presented the cane on part of the employees, which Mr. Kates acknowledged in few well-chosen words.

MANCHESTER'S XMAS GIFT.

A Few Little News Items for To-Day's retiring efficient Timstees—Henry Bodeker, William T. Mosby, representative to Grand Lodge; S. E. Jacobs, alternate. The Article of Grand Company of the C retiring officer, Seaton G. Tinsley, becomes past dictator. Fraternity Lodge is one of the strongest in the city of this henevolent order, and comprises in its large membership many of our leading citizens. Its meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month at Central Its meetings are held on the meet Monday night and elect officers for Hall, on Fifth street.

LEGION OF HONOR. At a meeting of Virginia Council, No. music, will be held in the city churches to-night. 954, American Legion of Honor, held at Powhatan Hall, 510 Louisiana street, on Friday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Robert Johnson, commander; William H. Wil-liams, vice-commander; Myer Angle, secretary; R. Edgar Shine, collector; H. The celebration of Christmas began H. Herbert, treasurer; Adam Diacont, ast night in dead earnest. The tooting orator; J. Charles Kaufelt, guide; Charles H. Kaufelt, warden; Charles H. Clarke, sentry; Dr. William F. Farrar, Rev. A. A. Little, of Gordonsville, will preach at the Presbyterian church this morning and to-night. Mr. Little is a native of Richmond and has hosts of the Grand Council.

Rev. A. A. Little, of Gordonsville, medical examiner; E. C. Naumann, C. H. Kaufelt, and A. Diacont, trustees; and E. C. Naumann, representative to the Grand Council.

were made brighter.

The Manchester Social Club held its regular weekly meeting Friday night at justice; Kitta L. Waldman, accountant;

The Dispatch will be issued Tuesday. The post-office will be open to-morrow

only from 4 to 5 P. M. Hon. George D. Wise was expected in the city from Washington last night.

Misses Lillië and Lizzie Meisel have left for Baltimore to spend the holidays. Rev. James Willis, president of the Staunton Female Seminary, arrived in the city last night. .

Though it is Christmas it would be ongregation.

Well for young men and boys not to throw firecrackers at ladies and at horses. Rev. William Burton will officiate at side.

the Retreat for the Sick on Holy Innocents' Day, December 28th, at 12 The Misses Florence and Fannie

Squire will spend the holidays in Nor-folk with their sister, Mrs. George C. Monday night at 6:10 o'clock Mr.

Harry Schwarzschild leaves for Colorado via Louisville and St. Louis. He goes on a health-scarching expedition.

Mrs. Hiram Wiesenfield and daughter, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. Jacob Edel, 514 west Franklin street. They will remain until after the holidays. court in courtesy to Mr. Conway R. Mr. T. J. Anderson, who lived in Richmond, of counsel, whose father died on mond some ten years ago and who is now Mr. T. J. Anderson, who lived in Richtravelling for a Chicago house, is visiting the city and stopping at the St. Claire

> Messrs. H. Thurston Cardozo, Virginius Hall, Willie Selden, and James Norment—all Richmond boys who now live elsewhere-are in the city to spend the holidays.

The Florida Times-Union of recent date says: Mr. Hoffman Allen and Miss Louise Allen and maid, of Rich-Va., are at the St. James en route to Cuba.

A great many of our citizens are under the impression that the city gas furnished the public of late is not up to the usual standard, so far as illuminating power is concerned.

The cases of several persons charged with treapass by cattle were continued intil Wednesday.

Four of the Pumps Put to Work.

When the canal-wall gave way just Presbyterian church at that place. Engineer W. H. Taylor, of Steamer

No. 3, who, as reported yesterday, was struck on the head by a piece of suction hose Friday at the Tredegar fire and knocked insensible, was all right yesterday.

Miss Hennie Weymouth, of north Fifth street, expects to sail early in the spring for Liverpool, England, to visit her brother, Captain W. W. Weymouth. She will be accompanied by Miss Fannie

The city authorities are taking advantage of the break in the canal to construct a large terra-cotta sewer under the canal in a line with Seventh street. It will, eventually, go from Main street to the river, and will be two feet in diameter. The top will be seven feet below average surface of the water in the canal.

point which empties into the canal, but

the new sewer will empty into the river.

A force of about forty city hands have been working day and night since the break occurred, and they hope to com-plete their undertaking before the water Golden Inbiles of the Pope. THE PRISONERS TUMEMBERED.

Measts. Aften & Ginter sent to the

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the "Life and Writings of Pope Iseo XIII.," by Mr. E. C. Jenkins, and an address by Right Rev. Bishop Keane. The public generally, ladies and gentlemen, are cordially invited by the committee to make this meeting a credit to the community.

tuck Still Improving. Dr. Taylor said last night that Milton Luck was continuing to do well and that all symptoms looked to his recovery. Chief-of-Police Poe has put several men at work to see if they cannot obtain some clue leading to the detection of the ruffian who assaulted the young man and attempted to take from him his sister, whom he was accompanying home from an entertainment about 2 o'clock Thursday morning. The police have very little foundation upon which to work. The young man who was assaulted cannot even tell whether his assailant was a white man or a negro.

Forty minutes later, at 1.35 A. M., the carriage-factory of J. A. Grasberger, 1448 east Franklin street, was discovered on fire, and before the flames were extinguished the establishment was badly cutted. Loss \$1,200 on building and betal bearing their and before the flames were extinguished the establishment was badly cutted. Loss \$1,200 on building and betal bearing their angle of the head was inshed out of the head was inshed out of the water. Foul play is suspected, and the men, McElroy and Kane, who were with Burks, have been arrested. as unascertainable this morning.
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ledwood; Alternate, M. Harrison.

FRATEENITY LODGE.

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Iast night to instruct the motor-men as to their duties. It is expected confidently having been sick or wounded at the house of Miss McCurdy's father and she the ministering angel who nursed him the first week in January.

Caught in a Steel-Trap. years of age, attempted to get into a back window of Taylor & Bolling's wholesale window of Taylor & Bolling's wholesale grocery, on Fourteenth street between Main and Cary, last night, but was caught in a steel-trap as he was about to the First state. enter. He was taken to the First station by a policeman who found him in

Cut with a Knife.

Yesterday afternoon between 5 and 6

HOW TO CARVE A TURKEY. A Few Rules That Will Help Some

Awkward Heads of the Family Table To-Day. (Good Housekeeping.)

close to the body; but do not take any of the breast with the wing. Then cut through the skin between the thigh or second joint and the body. Bend the leg over with the knife and the joint will be disclosed. Cut through the flesh from above down toward the tail, and if the joint will be disclosed. Such as the point will be disclosed. Such as the disclosed in the point will be disclosed by a with a foot sidewalk as an annex. So the point will be disclosed. Such as the disclosed in the properties as the disclosed in the disclosed in the point will be disclosed. Such as the disclosed in the point will be disclosed the properties as the disclosed in the point will be disclosed. Such as the disclosed in the point will be disclosed the properties as the disclosed in the point will be disclosed the properties as the disclosed in the point will be disclosed the properties as the disclosed in the point will be disclosed the properties as the disclosed in the propertie joint. Make a clean cut, not a jagged one, and leave a generous portion of the meat on the side-bone. Then remove the wing and second joint on the other

Shave off the breast in thin slices, beginning just above the wing and slant-ing slightly from the front of the breastone down toward the wing. Be careful to take a portion of crisp outside on

case when the cuts are parallel with the After the breast is carved cut across after the lecture. the crisp skin near the neck and below the breast in order to reach the stuffing.

Insert the point of the knife at the front terday to spend the winter in Washington. of the breast-bone, turn once the bone, and separate it. Press the point of the knife through the cartilage at each place, announce an interesting programme for their meeting on Thursday gramme for their meeting on Thursday. arating the collar-bones from the breast, Tip the body slightly, slip the knife under the end of the shoulder-blade (it lies way down from the neck,) and turn it thing."

the cartilage which divides the ribs on each side, separating the breast-bone Bradbury, of Petersburg.

A very pleasant entertain

off without disjointing the bones. After | teachers with nice presents, side-bone, and also the small portions of missioner of Revenue's office in Washthe dark meat found on the lower end of ington, and left here last night to accept keepers came up, and the animals turned

were not taken off at first, separate them from the second joint. Cut off the meat from the second joint of the wing and also from the thigh, as these, when large, are more than one person requires, and it is inconvenient to have so large bones on one's plate. If no preference be expressed, help equally to both light and dark meat and stuffing.

The Chicago Times Changes Hands. Weil

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, December 24—What is construed to be next to the last step in legal at Mr. Shepard's, Glen Allen.

Mr. Lindsay Patton is here. proceedings which will transfer the Chi-cago Times to the Snowden-West syndicate was taken to-day. By consent of all parties Judge Waterman formally declared the will of Wilbur F. Storr, made in 1879, void. The syndicate declared that they would take hold of the property that they would take hold of the property of the to-day. All that remaining the control of the property of the property of the property of the control of the property of the propert some time to-day. All that remains now to be done is to draft a decree formally

CLIFTON FORGE.

Marriage of Miss McCurdy-A Romanes that Commenced During the

War-Hotes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) CLIFTON FORGE, VA., Dec. 23, 1887. The body of Eugene Burks, a former citizen of this place, arrived here this morning on the train from the West accompanied by his widow and two chilrailroad machine-shops here, and was a son of Mr. W. A. Burks, of Charlottesville, a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Newport-News and Mississip-pi-Valley Company. His body was found in the canal at Newark, Ohio, where he At 12:55 o'clock this morning fire did panions, after being paid off Tuesday at considerable damage to the grocery store and bar of A. I. Miller, No. 18 east Broad street, near First. The actual loss a wound on the head was fished out of

tinguished the establishment was badly sisters, the owners of the two large gutted. Loss, \$1,200 on building and hotels bearing their name here and at Covington, was married in Covington on the 21st instant by Rev. Mr. Wagoner, of the Methodist Church, to Major J. E. One of the electric cars went over the Evans, of Asheville, N. C., and has gone line last night from Twenty-ninth and P with her husband to the North State, streets as far as Seventh and Clay. Here where she will make her home in the fusome obstruction was encountered, and ture. There is a tinge of romance about it did not go further west. Three cars this marriage, Major Evans, while a Conwere running on the Church-Hill loop federate soldier during the late war, back to health and finally crowned his life with happiness. Few business-men have exhibited more

Last night Mabry Pear (colored) got the last of their father's debts were 000, and the sisters are independent.

Small Fire Yesterday Morning.

A slight blaze was caused at 512 north
Seventh street yesterday morning by a brick falling out of the fireplace, causing the mantel to catch fire. The damage was triffing.

Small Fire Yesterday Morning.

A slight blaze was caused at 512 north delegate from Alleghany, Mr. Mc-Clintic; the more so as the legislative committee which meets to take evidence in the case on the 10th of Jan. three, and had a tag of the case of the 10th of Jan. House here. The Dispatch, which to withdraw a sliding lid. My son but the bulled this tag very gently and immebrought the news here last night, was much read and quoted. They talk about calling the place Little Richmond, and inviting the whole Legis-lature up to sit with them, a while anyway. found that the thing was evidently inlature up to sit with them, a while anyway. The "sitting member" Put the fork in firmly as far as it will go across the middle of the breast-bone, and if the whole bird is to be carved do ghany train for his home in Botetourt.

"Two matches were placed in such a position that the friction caused by the ghany train for his home in Botetourt. ghany train for his home in Botetourt, withdrawal of the lid would have set

oint does not separate easily turn the town is not finished yet by any means, snife and cut from the tail toward the and there are a few corner lots still in the market, but advancing.

THE ASHLAND LETTER

Christmas Entertainments-College Personals, Etc. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.] DECEMBER 24, 1887.

Quite a large crowd will go down to the edge of each slice. The knite must Sam Small deliver his famous lecture. have a very keen edge to enable you to do this neatly. By cutting in this slanting direction the meat is cut across the grain instead of with the grain, as is the College Young Men's Christian Associato Mr. May. tion. It is most likely that a special train will bring the people back here

night next at the residence of Mr. Wil liam J. Leake. The ladies and gentlemen, attired in Shakspearean costumes, close to the back-bone, not quite half will render "Much Ado About No

over toward the wing joint. Repeat this
process on the opposite side.
Cut across the thin ribs, or through been presented to the library by J. W.

Miss Nettie Guerrant, of Richmond, is visiting Miss Reka Fleming. Miss Hallie Patton, daughter of the late Judge Patton, of Hinton, W. Va., and Miss Mary Gilmer, of Chatham, Va., are spending the Christmas holidays

Colonel John M. Patton's.

Miss Gertie Blackwell, daughter of N. C. late Dr. Blackwell, of Portsmonth,

Mr. R. V. Marye is in the village There will be no meeting of the Read-

MORE ABOUT THE DEATH OF EUGENE has been seen or heard of him. Mr. Burks. Beckwith brought the boy to Atlanta and then sent him here with Mr. Light, Mr. Simpson was book-keeper for the Plant Steamship and Investment Company, and was on his way to Lawrence, Kas. where the boy says he expected to start a dry-groods store. There are fears that he was murdered. Simpson's former home was in Jersey City and his wife is now at Newark, N. J.

A DIABOLICAL CHRISTMAS-BOX. Mr. Barks bad worked in the Percy P. May Receives an Infernal Machine from an Unknown

Source. (New York Herald.) Mr. Percy P. May, who is secretary of

the Conservatory of Music, at No. 46 west Twenty-third street, was the recipient vesterday of a Christmas-grit, which, although a novelty, is certainly not likely to enhance his enjoyment of the festive It appears that a dastardly attempt was

made upon Mir. May's life through the cowardly and diabolical device of an infernal machine, which reached its intended victim in the guise of a token of friendship. About half-past 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Dr. W. H. May, of No. 50 west Twenty-fourth street, walked into the Thirtieth-Street station with a small pasteboard box, containing a vial of muriatic acid, some guncotton, a small quantity of gunpowder, some pins and a match.

The Doctor said that this box had

been delivered to his son, Percy P. May, about 2 o'clock. Upon the young man attempting to open it he became sus-pictous of its contents and cut it open with a penknife instead of withdrawing the sliding-lid by a tag attrohed to it. The box was sent to Dr. Edson, at the Health Department, who will minutely examine its contents and report the sult of his investigation to-day, and in the mean while the police instituted inquiries

as to the sender of the machine. DELIVERY OF THE PACKAGE. Mr. Percy May was not at home when ton and discharge his liabilities.
Miss Mol, the youngest of the sisters, became the financier, and the following version of the fiendish at sisters, became the financier, and the following version of the fiendish at-business manager, and in seven years tempt to injure his son. He said: into a difficulty with Tony Pacini and discharged. They then, contrary to the A. Donini, in the lower part of the city, judgment of many older heads, under-Conservatory of Music, at No. 46 west and cut both of them with a knife—Pacini on the head and Donini on the arm.

The wounds are not dangerous. Pear the large hotel at Clifton Forge at an quired for Lieutenant Percy May. My outlay of \$15,000. That property has all son, who is a lientenant in the Eleventh been paid for and has become quite valuable, being estimated now at fully \$20, military title on this occasion, and he asked the boy what he wanted. o'clock a thief entered the house of Theodore Jennings, on Cary street between
Eighth and Ninth, and stole an overcoat
and several other articles of clothing.
He house of Thedore Jennings, on Cary street between
and several other articles of clothing.
Housety, pluck, and good sense will tell,
handed my son a small parcel addressed
and even the weakest of the weaker sex
may take courage from the example of
these three orphan Virginia sisters.

The Clither For the place of the weaker of the weaker sex
which he said had been given him by a these three orphan Virginia sisters.

The Clifton Forgers are much interman cn Sixth avenue.

"He walked away with an unconcerndiately noticed a sulphurous odor. He then became suspicions, and taking out his knife he carefully cut through the lid tended for an infernal machine. "Two matches were placed in such a

Broad street, assaulting negroes, insulting women, breaking windows, &c.

The Mayor, of course, will not permit this. Richmond's treasury can't stand it, for suits for damages would flow in a great streem.

The tin horns are the most senseless and cruel noise-producing instruments in the world; but the community—God help the sick—will bave to gay. As for the fire residence and world, being the sick—will have one day. As for the fire residence are no suited to the occasion, and special Cut through the flesh on the top of the shoulder, work the point of the knife into the joint and press it outward, and when the joint and press it outward, and when formed that not less than seventy-five new the contrivance and did not feel the least the joint separates cut through the flesh | houses have been erected here this year, afraid of it. So I carried it to the police

"Well," said Dr. May, "we have a slight suspicion. There have been one or two attacks upon the characters of both myself and my son, and I, believe some ill feeling existed on account of the recent transfer of my son from the Twenty-second to the Eleventh regiment. He is twenty-two years old and was lately made second lieutenant in Com-pany B, of the Eleventh. He is popular among his comrades, however, and I know of no reason for this attack upon Richmond from here Wednesday to hear him. No, I cannot tell you whom we Sam Small deliver his famous lecture. suspect;" and the Doctor branched on into other matters. At a late hour last night the detectives had failed to discover the boy who delivered the machine of the American Hotel, Colonel John S. Dodson, has arranged for a splendid Christmas dinner to-day,

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.) New York, December 24.-Dr. Edson, of the Health Bureau, has examined the delicacies, has not been surpassed. infernal machine sent to Lieutenant May as a Christmas present last night, and pronounces it one of the most diabolical contrivances he has ever seen. In it was a vial of nitric acid which, when exploded scarred whoever was handling the machine, and probably totally blinded him. The police are searching for the boy who delivered the box.

Elephants Storming a Prison.

An attempt to storm a prison, undertaken by elephants, is something new, and it is Russia that has furnished this new sensation. A menagerie arrived at the depot of Charkoff toward 10 at night the everlasting Persian Perfume, only rom the back. Lay the breast-bone to the side, and now remove the bone from the back. Take the stuffing from the back.

Take the stuffing from the back.

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Take the stuffing from the back.

The singing of Miss Blanche

Turn the back over, place the knife mid
Turn the back over, place the b it. Take the stuffing from the back.

Turn the back over, place the knife miding way just below the ribs, and with the fork lift up the tail end, separating the back from the upper part of the back-bone, and cutclose to the back-bone from one end to the other on each bone from one end to the other o side, freeing the side-bone.

It was a happy sight to see so many litlocks, and the gates swung open. There where and please everybody. It is not often necessary to cut up the tle girls and boys made joyful by the was another short roadway with railing on stock on hand. Prices low. whole body of the turkey, and even if liberal hand of Santa Claus. Teachers either side, and the ponderous trio casy, the meat will be needed, it can be taken also presented scholars and scholars walked on until they stood before the second gate closed against them. Again off without disjointing the bones. After teachers with nice presents.

The accommodation train, which now removed (which some child is always leaves here at 8 o'clock, will leave at 7:30 sure to want), tip the bird over slightly and with the point of the knife remove the oyster lying in the hollow of the has been offered a position in the Company of the college, has been offered a position o they began pushing, and some guards in infinite assortment at the Turkish get through the gate added their loud trumpetings of excitement. At last their the side-bone. The pope's nose is a choice bit relished by many.

Then remove the fork and divide the wings at the joints; if the drum-sticks last week.

The pope's nose is a choice bit relished by many.

Deschunting in this vicinity is fine when the elephants were pacified away to their proper quarters. against them. It was after midnight when the elephants were pacified and

Washington Notes.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.) Washington, December 24.—The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed the following storekeepers and gaugers: W. S. Sawyer, in Madison county, N. C., and J. L. Sherman, in Yadkin county,

The Comptroller of the Currency

declared the first dividend of 50 per cent, in favor of the creditors of the National Bank of Sumter, S. C., on claims proved amounting to \$71,265. This bank failed August 24, 1887. The following dates have been fixed for state entertainments at the White 1, 1888. No. 4 west Grace street. House during the coming social season : President's reception Monday, January 2d, from 11 A. M. until 2 P. M.; Calunet dinner Thursday January 12th; diplomatic reception Thursday, January

A Mysterious Affair.

(By tolegraph to the Dispatch.)

CINCINNARI, December 24.—The police authorities have in their charge a nine-year-old boy whose story is mysterious. He was given to the police by Mr. Manning Light, of Atlanta, who says he brought the boy from Atlanta to this city at the request of Mr. Beckwith, of Lawrence, Kas. The last-uamed said that he started from Tampa, Fla., with

Alexander Simpson, the boy's father, and that on Wednesday n'ght near Way of Spain at Norfolk, Va.

Cross, Ga., Mr. Simpson went to a water-closet, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him. Mr. Beckwith brought the boy to Atlanta and Albany on Tuesday. They will leave here Monday night.

> Grand Display of Fireworks on Broad Nircet To-Morrow Night.
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> To-morrow night there is sure to be a fine display of tireworks on Broad street.

Many gentlemen of means find it the agreeable thing to do to buy rockets, Boman candles, &c., and let youngsters fire them off-the rockets, not the gentlemen. D. Columbus has a full stock of all sorts of fireworks, and will be ready to serve his customers. Discreetly used, there is no danger and a great deal of beauty in such displays. Clowers, Beautiful Flowers.

To-morrow will be the occasion for home decoration, and no decoration is complete without flowers. Nowhere in the city can rarer flowers and plants be found than at John Morton's. The greehouses are now at their sweetest, and he is an artist in grouping flowers into beautiful and harmonious designs.

Wonder-Will You Read It? Last Christmas, during the week preceding the 1st of January, a large number of Pianos were sold. All the readers of the Dispatch will have more or less spare time this year to visit our store and hear the sweet tones of the many beautiful Pianos during the Holiday Week. Man-

ly B. Ramos & Co. will be happy to wel-come you at No. 903 Main street. Proverbs and Words of Advice. "TAKE CARE OF THE CENTS AND THE POLLARS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM- table delicacies at lowest prices.

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buy a Hardman Piano, in the end it is the cheapest, as it will last forever. Criston of a Leading Editor. Almost all the Walter D. Moses & Co., 914 Main street. diseases that active us from localize to old age have their origin in a disordered liver. A really

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Our people recognize the propriety and policy of a generous partiality for the old and tried institutions of our own city and State, and, sustaining them by a liberal patronage, they aid to the index a liberal patronage, they add to the inde- Water. pendence and wealth of our own community and the State generally.

was the presentation of a fine Dunlap Beaver to Mr. George A. Minor by his staff of employees and salesmen, who had him properly fitted, and marched him back to his store on Ninth street,

The American Hotel. and a number of friends have been inrited to join his guests in discussing a bill of fare which, for substantials and

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